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## ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

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### RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1895,	\$ 150 84
Total Receipts during the year,	2,648 23
	<hr/> \$2,799 07

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Total disbursements during the year,	\$2,870 65
Decrease of receipts less disbursements,	71 58
	<hr/> \$2,799 07

### DEBT.

Assets, Feb. 15, 1895,	\$1,451 20
Liabilities, Feb. 15, 1895,	1,228 28
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Balance in favor of town, Feb. 15, '95,	\$222 92
Assets, Feb. 15, 1896,	\$1,477 15
Liabilities, Feb. 15, 1896,	1,250 63
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Balance in favor of town, Feb. 15, '96,	\$226 52
Increase of balance during the year,	3 60
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### RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1895,	\$ 150 84
Taxes of J. H. Keyser, collector,	1,832 54
Received State railroad tax,	24 38
Savings bank tax,	102 68
Literary fund,	31 92
Dog license,	19 47
County pauper claim, March '95,	61 81
"        "        "        Sept. '95,	307 72



Received of J. H. Keyser, on his note in full,	\$ 69 12
J. H. Keyser, on his note in part,	28 25
J. S. Annis, red'mpt'n homestead '94 tax	8 38
Wm Hardy, " " " "	22 84
W. S. Nutter, use of road m'che on N. & S. road,	10 00
C. B. Keyser, red'm'n homestead '94 tax	24 97
E. C. French, " " " "	2 77
Frank Hill, " " '93 "	8 12
Frank Hill, " " '94 "	4 75
JamesCrimmins"	25 78
Sam'l Howe, " " " "	8 31
P. M. Howe, hall rent,	8 00
John Crimmins, tax, '94,	1 82
Theodore Gordon, redemption, '95,	7 14
Eben Morrill, part redemption of Florence Blake's taxes, '88, '89, '92, '93 and '95,	20 81
J. H. Keyser, redemption of Ran- som Coburn farm, for Lucetta Tyler, tax of '93 and '94,,	16 65
Total received,	2,799 07

All the foregoing items have been paid to the Town Treas-  
urer according to law.

## TOWN ORDERS GIVEN.

No. 1, C. A. Veasey, servises as supervisor, '94 & '95,	\$ 4 50
2, J. H. Keyser, abatement of A. W. Damon tax, paid in Haverhill,	1 82
3, W. W. Eastman, road agent, as per bill, '94,	11 40
4, C. E. Caswell, printing town reports for '94,	7 50
5, Ira Whitecher, logs furnished on higwhay,	8 00
6, G. H. Welch, 1 months rent for C. Pike,	2 00
7, W. S. Nutter, road agent, bill for April '95,	64 71
8, S. J. Hutchins, for repairs on school-houses,	150 00
9, S. J. Hutchins, for school supplies,	25 00

No. 10, W. S. Nutter, road ag't for May, as per bill,	\$106 05
11, S. J. Hutchins, for support of schools,	300 00
12, W. S. Nutter, road ag't for June, as per bill,	285 01
13, I. N. Eastman, medical services for B. Elliott,	50 00
14, F. M. P. Co., use of telephone line and instrument to July '95,	100 40
15, W. S. Nutter, road ag't for Aug., as per bill,	63 49
16, J. Nutter, wire and staples furnished on F. M. Tyler road,	5 38
17, E. D. Carpenter, casket furnished B. Elliott,	11 00
18, Ira Whitcher, for 1 yrs rent of house for C. Pike,	24 00
19, B. M. Tyler, care of Benj. Elliott	4 50
20, C. R. Gibson, doctoring B. Elliott	8 75
21, I. N. Eastman, " C. Pike	108 00
22, P. M. Howe, goods furnished C. Pike	29 32
23, G. W. Mann, C. H. Hardy's bill, care of B. Elliott	53 00
24, E. B. Mann & Co, goods furnished C. Pike and B. Elliott	9 15
25, Mrs. Minnie A. Haskell, care of B. Elliott	10 00
26, S. J. Hutchins, for school supplies	13 00
27, W. S. Nutter, road ag't for Sept., as per bill	29 10
28, " " " " " Oct., " "	23 50
29, " " " " " Nov., " "	35 51
30, " " " " " Dec., " "	27 85
31, P. M. Howe, library trustee	13 83
32, W. S. Nutter, road ag't for Jan.'96, as per bill	11 42
33, " " " " " Feb.'96, " "	17 50
34, Ira Whitcher, for logs and plank	15 65
35, Stickney Bros., goods furnished C. Pike	8 70
36, H. H. Blanchard, use of water-trough for '95	3 00
37, J. M. Harriman, services as selectman	4 00
38, D. M. Howe, services as fish and game warden, and cash paid	6 50
39, F. L. Badger, use of water-trough	3 00
40, J. H. Keyser, town of Benton tax	17 05



No. 41, W. D. Veasey, chairman of school board, for literary fund, \$31.92; dog tax, \$13.80,	\$ 45 72
42, W. D. Veasey, services as school board	20 00
43, W. W. Eastman, services as town clerk	25 00
44, " " 1 day fighting fire on Black Mt., labor on highway and cash paid for death and birth certificates	4 40
45, J. H. Keyser, coll, lands bid off at his non-resident sale	300 85
46, J. H. Keyser, coll, lands bid off at his resident sale	58 48
47, F. A. Moulton, services as librarian	12 00
48, F. M. Tyler, services as supervisor for '95, and dog killer for '94 and '95	6 00
49, L. H. Parker, self & help fighting fire, Bl'k Mt,	40 50
50, " " repairs on road machine and use of water trough	14 50
51, L. H. Parker, goods furnished C. Pike	2 70
52, " " services as selectman	29 00
53, P. M. Howe, " "	20 00
54, " " use of water trough, care of hall, and truant officer	10 00
55, P. M. Howe, goods furnished C. Pike	26 52
56, E. B. Mann & Co, blanks and collector's book	2 20
57, P. M. Howe, chairman library trustees, bal. due	1 17
58, J. H. Keyser, discount on tax bill for '95	7 90
59, " " plank, and abatement of H. R. Spooner's tax for '93	9 52
60, J. H. Keyser, collecting taxes for '95	36 65
61, O. L. Mann, services as town and district treasurer, and supervisor for '95	17 00
Paid on Fannie R. Cutting note	100 00
Paid state tax	195 00
Paid county tax	211 20
Paid interest on orders	1 75
Total paid	\$2,870 65
Decrease of receipts less disbursements	71 58
	<hr/> \$2,799 07



## ASSETS.

Deed by P. W. Allen, collector, 1885 tax, cost and interest, Alfred Morrill homestead	\$31 99
W. W. Eastman, coll, 1887, lot 41, 3d	9 93
W. W. Eastman, coll, 1888,	
Town of Benton, D. D. Page farm	27 22
W. W. Eastman, coll, 1889,	
F. Hill, C. F. Morrill farm	13 10
Alfred Morrill homestead	24 67
N. D. Hutchins, homestead	14 04
Taxed to the land, D. D. Page farm	33 60
Frank Hill, homestead	25 58
W. W. Eastman, coll, 1890,	
W. B. Page, for Eben Morse. 1-2 lot 14 G	1 46
J. H. Keyser, coll, 1891,	
Alfred Morrill. old homestead	9 64
Alfred Morrill, D. D. Page old farm	5 34
F. Hill, C. F. Morrill farm	6 68
G. F. Hurlbutt, N. D. Hutchins farm	5 52
J. F. Foss, homestead	12 96
J. H. Keyser, coll, 1892.	
Arthur Curtis, 7 acres F. Hill farm	1 98
Charles Eaton, part C. C. Clough farm	15 97
Town of Benton, part D. D. Page Morrill fm	5 44
" Albert Morrill, Cox farm	6 27
John Crimmins, 10 ac's had of G. W. Chapman	3 69
" 5 ac's had of J. H. Williams	2 84
P. W. Allen, coll, 1885.	
Deed due of F. Hill homestead	27 27
" " " F. Hill, C. F. Morrill farm	19 78
E. C. French homestead	8 16
Mrs. John Fackney, homestead	1 85
G. F. Hurlbutt homestead	9 03
John Taylor, supposed owner of 87 G	5 78
" " 88 G	5 78
" " 1-2 90 G	4 98
W. R. Park, Jr, supposed owner of 86 G	8 03
" " 1-3 93	4 98
Winnipiseogee Paper Co,	71 55

Deed Town of Benton, Spooner lot	\$ 2 14
“ D. D. Page, Morrill farm	6 43
“ Alfred Morrill, Cox farm	7 50
J. H. Keyser, coll, 1894. Lands bid off at his ad- journd resident land sale, Jan. 26, 1895.	
John Crimmins, land had of G. W. Chapman and J. M. Williams	8 42
S. S. Bartlett, E. L. Page farm	28 80
G. F. Hurlbutt, homestead	7 85
Charles Leighton, J. G. Brown farm	8 42
Lewis Wright, east part E. M. True farm	10 46
Town of Benton, Spooner lot	2 04
“ D. D. Page, Morrill farm	6 11
“ Alfred Morrill, Cox farm	6 11
“ 1-2 old Woodard farm, Wm Tib- bett's 1-2	10 19
J. H. Keyser, coll, 1895. Lands bid off at his ad- journd non-resident land sale, Jan. 29, 1896.	
A. W. Putnam heirs, pasture lands	4 81
J. B. Lindsey, part Hazen Whitcher farm	2 49
W. R. Park, Jr, lot 86 G	4 81
“ 1-3 lot 93 G	2 48
“ undivided parcel No. 1	218 71
Blanden & Woods, lot 30 G	4 81
“ lot 31 G	3 26
“ lot 32 G	4 81
“ lot 47 G	4 81
“ lot 49 G	6 36
“ lot 34 G	4 81
“ lot 35 G	4 81
“ lot 36 G	4 81
“ lot 38 G	4 81
George W. Chapman, Blodgett meadow	14 11
“ west part E. M. True farm	7 91
Lewis Wright, east part of “ ” ”	2 22
J. H. Keyser, coll, 1895. Lands bid off at his ad- journd resident land sale, Feb. 8, 1896.	
John Crimmins, Wm Tibbett's old farm	8 07
“ land had of G. W. Chapman and J. M. Williams	7 45
Frank Hill homestead	4 97
S. S. Bartlett, Page farm and lot No. 4	31 32
E. C. French homestead	6 67



N. Clark note	\$167 09
C. B. Keyser note	286 89
J. H. Keyser note, bal. due	79 32
Due from Grafton county, goods furnished C. Pike	37 92
Bal. due from Eben Morrill, Florence Blake place, for taxes of '88, '89, '92, '93 and '95	17 04
	<hr/> \$1,477 15

## LIABILITIES.

Fannie R. Cutting, note dated July 3, 1890, and in- terest at 4 1-2 per ct., to March 1, 1896	\$1,179 05
Balance due on outstanding town orders	71 58
	<hr/> \$1,250 63
Total assets Feb. 15, '96	\$1,477 15
Total liabilities "	1,250 63
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Balance in favor of the town	\$226 52

L. H. PARKER, } *Selectmen*  
P. M. HOWE, } *of Benton*

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL-BOARD.

Received of Town of Benton	\$300 00
" " literary fund	31 80
" " dog tax, '95	13 80
" Town of Haverhill	4 00
" W. W. Eastman, for stove	4 00
" " back funds in his hands	5 02
" Landaff, for tuition	4 80
Total receipts	<hr/> \$363 42

## DISTRICT No. 5.

Paid Ida Annis, cleaning house	\$ 1 00
Geo Clark, " "	1 75
R. J. Veasey, " "	2 50
C. A. Veasey, " " and painting	2 00
Jennie F. Veasey, teaching and board	45 00
Gracie Mann, " "	45 00
" " "	45 00
L. A. Collins, banking house	1 00
John Cox, building fire	2 00
W. W. Eastman, wood	12 00

# DISTRICT No. 6.

Paid Stella Tyler, cleaning house	\$ 2 00
Belle Fox, teaching and board	45 00
W. Temple, for wood and cutting	1 50
Geo Wills, wood	2 00
Marion Howe, teaching 10 weeks	30 00
James Keyser, board "	20 00
F. M. Tyler, banking and cleaning house	2 00
" 4 eds wood	12 00
J. F. Veasey, teaching 10 weeks	40 00
J. E. Hutchins, board 10 weeks	20 00
Will Temple, building fire	2 00
Total disbursements	<hr/> \$333 75
Rec'd per orders 2 & 18	\$38 00
Paid for books and supplies	36 92
Bal. on hand	<hr/> \$1 08
Total amount paid	\$363 42
Total amount paid	333 75
	<hr/> \$29 67
Paid 5 per ct. of school money (\$365.42) to repair school houses	\$18 27
Paid order No. 42	9 68
Amount now on hand, \$1.72.	
Due from Landaff, '94	\$7 50
" Easton	4 00
" Benton and Warren	5 00
W. D. VEASEY, Chairman of School Board.	

## REPORT OF REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

Received cash by order No: 14	\$50 00
Paid cash to Parker & Young, lumber	\$36 88
Stickney Bros, paper	2 78
A. E. Hurlbutt, drawing sand	1 00
for nails	80
A. Tyler, 2 eds wood	3 00
L. Elliott, drawing lime	75
for glass	32
S. H. Hutchins	4 47
Total cash paid	<hr/> \$50 00



Paid by order No. 12, Wallace Wylie, labor	\$ 2 25
6, Geo Clark "	2 62
8, F. M. Tyler "	3 00
17, B. Cox "	5 50
22, C. A. Veasey "	13 80
21, E. French "	6 75
24, W. D. Veasey "	2 50
38, E. French "	1 50
19, Henry Clough "	7 50
3, S. J. Hutchins " & shingles	10 00
20, " "	12 00
1, L. H. Parker, shingles	13 50
13, J. H. Keyser, lumber	3 69
15, Mulliken & Davis, goods	14 07
16, Northern Supply Co, lime	4 15
37, E. B. Mann, goods	5 51
38, S. Hutchins, labor	9 68
	\$118 02
Amount paid in cash	50 00
Total paid	\$168 02

We raised \$150 to repair houses. It took \$168.02. We are entitled to 5 per ct. of school money, which is \$18.27. This pays the deficit and leaves a balance of 25 cts.

W. D. VEASEY, Chairman of School Board.

## SCHOOL REPORT

For the School Year, ending March 1, 1896.

There has been six full terms in the past year, of ten weeks each, divided as follows:

The spring term in district No. 5 was taught by Miss Jennie F. Veasey, who has taught several terms previous with excellent success. This term was no exception. The scholars learned well, making as great progress as could be expected by the most radical critics for children of their age.

The fall term was taught by Miss Gracie M. Mann. She was a young and inexperienced teacher, but, greatly to the pleasure of the committee and parents, she showed the tact and scholarship of those far her senior. Her school was small, but up to the average of those who have occupied these desks in years past. Miss Mann's success secured for her the winter term, and gave adequate results. We take

pleasure in recommending her to any town as one of the best in her grade.

The spring term in district No. 6 was taught by Miss Belle M. Fox, it being her first term. Miss Fox had a great faculty of imparting her knowledge to her pupils in such a manner as to have them thoroughly understand and apprehend her instruction.

The fall term was taught by Miss Marion Howe. She is a good teacher, being able to manage and tutor children to their advantage. Both the committee and parents of that district were well pleased with Miss Howe's ability.

The winter term was taught by Miss Jennie F. Veazey, it being her third term in this district, and seventh in town. She met with her usual success. This is the leading school in number and age, and several per cent higher in grade than for years past.

There has been no action taken by the committee relative to the unoccupied school houses. The No. 5 house needed some very extensive repairs, and the No. 6 quite a few. Money was voted to be raised for these repairs, and was expended according to the committee's report.

W. D. VEAZEY, Chairman of School Board.



## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BENTON, N. H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1895.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name of Groom and Bride.	Res. at time of marriage.	Age.	Color.	Occupation	Birthplace.	Name of Parents.	Parents' Birthplace.	Occupation	Condition, if wid. single and No. mar.	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married.
Dec. 17, 95	Swiftwater	Willie I. Eastman Lulu M. Cox	Landaff Benton		ww	Laborer House keep	Lisbon Benton	Jos. J. Eastman Bert Cox	Lisbon Warren		First "	Roy Dinsmore, Minister of the Gospel.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. W. EASTMAN, Town Clerk.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BENTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1895.

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Living or Still born.	No. Child	Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Color.	Residence	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Nov. 1, 1895.	Benton	Archie	Male.			w	Joseph Peltiere	Josephene Camry	w		Laborer	Canada	Canada		

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

W. W. EASTMAN, Town Clerk.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BENTON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1895.

Date of Death	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of Deceased.	Years.	Mos.	Days.	Birthplace.	Sex.	Color.	Occupation	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Cause of Death.	Occupation of Father.	Name and Address of Physician reporting Death.
April 20	Benton.	Sally Bailey Mann	85	10	7	Haverhill	Fem.	w	House keep	Jacob Bailey	Hau'h Chamberlin	Old Age.	Farmer	I. N. Eastman, Woodsville
Dec. 12	"	Laura A. Morse	64	3	8	Waterford, Vt	Fem.	w	House keep	Thos. Townsend	Anna Dexter	Suicide	Farmer	O. D. Eastman, "

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

W. W. EASTMAN, Town Clerk







